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Dear Arlington Citizen:

Thank you for your correspondence to Mayor Robert Cluck and the Arlington City Council relating to the computer take back campaign and electronic recycling. The City of Arlington currently contracts all refuse and recycling program with Republic Waste Services (Republic). Republic receives electronic waste for recycling at the Arlington Landfill, which is also operated by a contract with Republic, at no charge. Citizens can deliver such wastes to a recycling area at the landfill located near the buildings at the northeast corner of the landfill adjacent to the scale house. Also, if electronic waste is identified in the public unloading area, landfill employees will also direct the citizen to drop off the electronic waste separately. The electronic wastes are separated into the various electronic components (e.g. monitors, CPU).

For refurbishment and recycling, the Arlington Landfill partners with Goodwill Industries. The electronic wastes materials are donated to Goodwill. Goodwill refurbishes and resells reusable components and uses revenues derived from the recycling program to support Goodwill's activities. Any components which are not reusable are transferred to an electronic waste recycler, ARC, located here in Arlington.

Landfill operations are closely monitored by the Texas Commission Environmental Quality. Any legislation or regulations regarding wastes in landfills are promulgated through this agency state. The City of Arlington will ensure our contractor follows recycling guidelines established by this state agency.

Thank you for your interest in this subject.

Sincerely,

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